

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. The two parties managed this weekend to extricate themselves from the talks with a communique stating they have "agreed" to resume discussions, "some time later."

b. Several East European countries, in commentaries so similar that Moscow's guidance seems apparent, have harshly criticized the Chinese.

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c. As expected, the party and government chiefs of the CEMA member states are to meet Wednesday in Moscow, for the first time since 1962. Moscow has also announced an aid agreement for Yugoslavia and Khrushchev's plan to go there in August.

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d. The CEMA meeting may discuss breaking economic relations with Peiping, and will surely deal with Rumania's recalcitrance. The Rumanian ambassador in Moscow told Kohler Saturday that this problem had been satisfactorily resolved.

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2. Syria

a. The regime is still uneasy, although there has been no shooting since Friday.

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b. Large military units are deployed throughout Damascus, and in some sections are conducting a house-to-house search for pro-Nasir elements. The severe curfew has been only slightly relaxed.

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c. Negotiations for an Egyptian-Syrian-Iraqi union have apparently been broken off. The Cairo press is accusing the Syrian leaders of "unparalleled terrorism."

3. Iraq-USSR

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4. Communist China

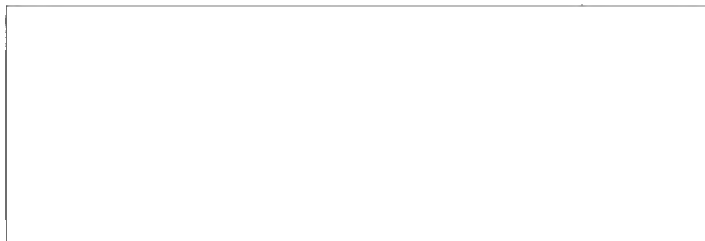


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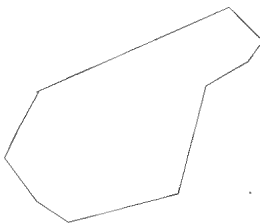
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5. UAR-Yemen



a. Cairo last week approved
the withdrawal of one Egyptian bri-
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b. Since mid-July stepped-up military operations and negotiations with important tribal elements have reduced royalist activity.

c. Fighting seems bound to continue, however, around royalist strongholds in the north.

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6. South Vietnam

a. Buddhist leaders, the majority of them still unconvinced of the government's sincerity, have responded to Diem's conciliatory actions with new demands and threats of further violence. They are reported to have given the government a deadline of midnight tonight.

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b. They are now asking Diem to release all Buddhists arrested since the initial incident in May and to punish officials involved in repressions.

7. Ecuador

a. The junta may soon "reduce" to one strong man, probably Colonel Gandara

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b. Gandara has told US officials that needed reforms "can only be achieved under a strong dictatorship."



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d. The Foreign Minister told the US Embassy Friday that the junta believed it possible to hold elections within a year, but would not be tied down to a specific date at this time.



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A. Cuba

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B. Haiti Saturday Duvalier's forces shot up the remnants of the late Clement Barbot's insurgent group. This would seem to eliminate, for the moment, organized internal resistance to the regime. There are rumblings of discontent in the army, however, over the losses sustained in fighting Duvalier's battles.

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C. Congo

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D. Laos Neutralist forces in the Plaine des Jarres, probably unnerved by recent heavy shellings, seem convinced a large-scale Pathet Lao attack is brewing. The Pathet Lao may be encouraging this belief in order to influence the Souphannouvong-Souvanna negotiations.

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E. Berlin

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